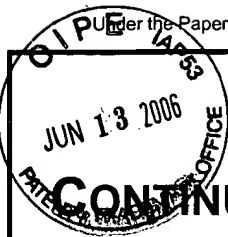


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/892,450
Filing Date	June 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	NAOTO ARAKAWA
Group Art Unit	2625
Examiner Name	K.Y. Poon
Attorney Docket Number	03500.015502

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Preliminary Amendment (with Transmittal Sheet)
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☒ Other Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated January 13, 2006, for two months from April 13, 2006 to June 13, 2006, and submits \$450.00.

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 06/14/2006 SZEWDIE1 00000004 09892450
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 02 FC:1252 450.00 OP
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Checks in the amounts of \$790.00 and \$450.00 are enclosed.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	SCOTT D. MALPEDE	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,533
Signature		Date	June 13, 2006

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June 13, 2006

For: SERVER APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD OF SERVER APPARATUS, CONTROL METHOD OF IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD OF INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREOF

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

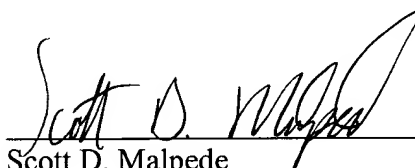
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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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- ☐ °Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the fee for a ____ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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